GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

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IMPLEMENTATION OF RTI ACT
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any joint initiative has been undertaken alongwith United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) with a view to implementing the Right To Information Act; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS.(SHRI SURESH PACHOURI)

(a) &(b): The `Capacity Building for Access to Information` project is a joint initiative of the Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT), Government of India and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) that aims to build capacity for effective implementation of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The main objectives of the project are:-

(i) Building the capacity of Government officials in select states and districts.

(ii) Developing the capacity of citizens and civil society to demand information and creating awareness.

(iii) Establishing institutional mechanism for improved citizen-state interface; and

(iv) Undertaking research, documentation, communications etc. by sharing best practices.

The project presently is being implemented in 12 States (Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Chattishgarh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttaranchal, and West Bengal) with two selected Districts in each State.